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MORE SOVIET TROOPS QUIT HUNGARY

BUDAPEST, Tuesday (Reuter). — Soviet troops stationed at Miskolc, second largest town in Hungary, started to withdraw yesterday towards the Soviet Union, the Communist Party newspaper "Nep Szabadsag" reported today.

This was the first report of a Soviet withdrawal from the country since the announcement in Moscow on January 6 this year that Russia would withdraw 17,000 men from Hungary.

According to Western estimates, this would still leave between 60,000 and 80,000 Soviet troops here — more than enough to control the country, one source said.

The newspaper said, "On Monday at 7 a.m. the Soviet formations began to move towards the border."

Miskolc, an industrial town in north-east Hungary, is about 80 kms. from the border. Troops withdrawing to Russia would first have to cross a strip of Czech territory.

U.N. Disarmament Session Likely

The U.N. Disarmament Commission is likely to be called into session next month to set in motion a new effort to break the long-standing East-West deadlock, informed sources said at U.N. Headquarters in New York yesterday.

They disclosed the U.S., Britain, France and Canada — the Western members of the Commission's Sub-Committee — had been jointly studying for some time ways which might lead to an end of the impasse.

These discussions had been conducted through diplomatic channels in the four capitals concerned and results now were tending to "solidify."

The sources said there now appeared to be fairly general agreement on procedures which could be expected to follow three lines:

- **Summoning of the 25-member Disarmament Commission towards the end of next month.**
- **In the expected event of Russia's implementing its threatened boycott of the Commission — which the Russians regard as unbalanced — the commission would report to the Security Council that it could not go ahead.**
- **The Council then could be expected to take matters into its own hands. But in any resolution a formula would have to be found to avoid Soviet recourse to its right of veto.**

Moscow Radio yesterday opened its campaign against the SEATO Council meeting which opens in Manila on March 10.

A commentator emphasized the danger of retaliation against countries which permit missile bases on their territory. "One can only be surprised at the shortsightedness of politicians of some of the SEATO member countries, like the Philippines, who have agreed to the installations and who are in favour of the equipment of their armies with American rocket arms," the radio said. *(Reuter, UP)*

Menderes to Russia: West Not Danger

ISTANBUL, Tuesday (Reuter). — Premier Adnan Menderes said in a note to Russia, replying to Premier Bulganin's latest note, just published, that the North Atlantic, South-East Asian and Baghdad Pacts were aimed against aggression.

"There was no reason, he added, why they should be considered to constitute a warlike danger.

U.K. Communist Hits Soviet Policy on Jews

LONDON, Tuesday (INA).— Professor Hyman Levy, a founder member of the British Communist Party, has written a book "The Jews and the National Question," to be published here next week, which criticizes the Soviet policy towards Russian Jewry.

Professor Levy was a member of a Communist delegation which visited Russia in 1956 to study the position of the Jews there.

His book is expected to make a considerable impact since it is probably the first time in recent years that an active Communist has so openly challenged the Soviet Government's attitude towards its Jewish population.

Foreign Aid Scheme Most Vital—Dulles

WASHINGTON, Tuesday (UP). — Secretary of State Dulles warned today that "the ultimate undoing of the U.S. itself" is the goal of Communist military and economic policy, and urged Americans to hurl a "dynamic counter-challenge" to bring the lessons of liberty to all men.

Mr. Dulles, Mr. Adlai Stevenson, ex-President Truman, and other leaders, spoke at the opening session of a day-long rally in support of the mutual security foreign aid programme. The Secretary said the $3.942m. foreign aid plan is vital to thwart the Soviet effort to "dominate the world."

All the power of the U.S. to deter aggression would not be enough without the overseas bases which the U.S. used by virtue of the foreign aid programme, he said.

The conference was called by Mr. Eric Johnston, President of the Motion Picture Producers Association of America, at the suggestion of the White House. It was frankly designed to sell the American people on the need for the foreign aid plan this year and for some years to come. The programme itself is in for a hard time in Congress, where members are in no mood to spend money abroad if they can help it.

Aid Essential Tool

Mr. Stevenson suggested that Russia be invited to join the U.S. and other Western nations in coordinated aid programmes for underdeveloped nations. He criticized some features of the aid programme but said he wholeheartedly supports foreign aid as "an essential weapon in the armoury of American diplomacy and an essential tool for accomplishing America's peaceful purposes."

Mr. Truman urged Congress not to "emasculate" President Eisenhower's proposed foreign aid programme, and said that aid spending should be increased.

U.K. Uneasy Over Missile Bases

By GERDA L. COHEN
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

LONDON, Tuesday. — Tomorrow's defence debate in the House of Commons is expected to reveal the strength of feeling aroused here by the decision to establish missile bases on British soil.

Although the deployment of the Thor bases is an inevitable outcome of last year's Bermuda conference between President Eisenhower and Prime Minister Macmillan, and part of the long-standing pattern of Anglo-American defence policy, all shades of British opinion are now producing arguments to rationalize the deep-seated fear of turning this island into a nuclear target.

British Rocket

Disquiet, for different reasons, will probably be voiced from both sides of the House. Tory back-benchers feel uneasy at the absence of any proof of the Thor's range and reliability, while there is also a suspicion that the Pentagon regards Britain as a "guinea pig" base. Moreover, the protection afforded by the missiles does not deter Britain from developing her own, more efficient, rocket which will probably need different launching bases and thus involve duplicating expenditure.

The Labour Opposition condemns rocket bases as inviting retaliation which might result in Britain being wiped off the map. While the Socialists were obliged to swallow the recent revelation of H-bomb-carrying aircraft patrols flying over the country, it is felt that airborne bombs provide a less vulnerable target than static, unconcealed Thor bases.

Supporters of nuclear disarmament have been lobbying M.P.'s but their campaign represents a vain effort, since the Government is already committed.

The sole hope of the Opposition lies in attempting to force a postponement of the actual work on the sites pending a summit meeting, thus preventing any belligerent overtones from marring what are intended to be peaceful negotiations.

Commons Picketed On Rocket Base Pact

LONDON, Tuesday (UP).— Some 350 persons, most of them students, picketed the House of Commons last night in protest against the Anglo-American missile base agreement. They were admitted in groups of 20 or 30 to talk with individual Members of Parliament.

CHURCHILL STRONGER

ROQUEBRUNE, CAP MARTIN, Tuesday (Reuter). — Sir Winston Churchill continues to make satisfactory progress in recovery from an attack of pleurisy and pneumonia, and is gaining in strength, a medical bulletin said today.

W. Germany Must Get Nuclear Arms, NATO Commander Says

HAMBURG, Tuesday (Reuter).—Gen. Lauris Norstad, Supreme Allied Commander in Europe, said today it was "absolutely essential" from the military standpoint that West German forces should be equipped with atomic weapons.

"And it is absolutely unthinkable that these forces should be condemned to a second class role that might make them really useless for their purpose of defence," he said, adding that "people cannot have their forces committed to weapons of several generations ago."

Gen. Norstad, in a West German television interview, also ruled out from a strategic point of view the idea of an atom free zone in Central Europe as suggested in the Rapacki plan.

"Unless a political and military foundation had been laid which would virtually eliminate the dangers of war, any agreement not to station tactical weapons with atomic capability in Central Europe, would not only jeopardize our strategic concept but would leave us defenceless," he said.

Asked about the controls NATO would exercise over forces equipped with tactical atomic weapons, Gen. Norstad pointed out that the ultimate control was the NATO Council. But he stated, "to keep faith with the Governments of NATO I keep in my own hands, under a very tight centralized control the units that are equipped to use nuclear weapons."

He said there was great latitude in the selection of missile sites but he was confident that all NATO including the Federal Republic "would take the action necessary for their own defence and permit them to make their proper contribution to NATO's defence."

Gen. Norstad stressed the importance of retaining ground forces as a shield and deterrent even in an age of guided missile and space weapons.

Israel May Order Four Japanese Tankers

TOKYO, Tuesday (UP). — Israel may order the construction of four 40,000 ton super-tankers in Japanese shipyards under the recent trade agreement negotiated between Israel and Japan, Dr. Avigdor Dagon, Israel Charge d'Affaires, told a press conference today.

He said under the new trade agreement, the barter trade system used by the two countries would be abolished. Future trade would be conducted on a deferred payment basis, under which the Export-Import Bank of Japan would advance credits to Japanese exporters, while Israel would guarantee payments, on a hard cash basis, he explained.

Mr. Dagon said Israel may import two super-tankers this year under the deferred payment formula. He indicated that Israel may build a great deal of this huge shipbuilding programme, including super-tankers and bulk carriers, if "conditions are good."

Aside from the ships, the new agreement would amount to $25m. each way on a three-year basis, or an eight-fold increase over the trade hitherto conducted between the two countries, Mr. Dagon said.

The Israel-Japan trade agreement was concluded on February 14 between the Israel Commerce and Industry Minister, Mr. Pinhas Sapir, and the Japanese Government. The agreement becomes valid on April 1 for one year, and is renewable.

World Sea Freight Rates Still Falling

LONDON, Tuesday (UP). — The world's shipowners are caught in an "economic blizzard" of low freight rates that is getting worse instead of better, the U.K. Chamber of Shipping said today in its annual Review of Shipping for 1958-59.

French Casualties In Algeria Mounting

ALGIERS, Tuesday (Reuter). — The most costly fighting in French lives of the Moslem insurrection has flared up in eastern Algeria, where three battles in the past 24 hours have sent the French Army's casualty figures since February 1 soaring to some 150 dead, 20 missing and 170 wounded.

Forty-three French soldiers, Europeans and Moslems, died in these three engagements, in which 131 insurgents were killed.

Brief official reports of recent fighting indicate that insurgent bands are displaying the effects of improved military training and are going into action equipped with modern weapons.

Celebes Insurgent Radio Destroyed

JAKARTA, Tuesday. — Indonesian Air Force planes have destroyed the radio station at Menado, in the Northern Celebes, it was announced.

Menado Radio has broadcast in support of the rebel officers in Central Sumatra. Earlier attacks by the Air Force had been confined to Sumatra, where the radio stations at Padang and Bukittinggi were reported to have been put out of action.

A Government statement here said that its planes were trying to avoid causing casualties in bombing raids on rebel areas. It added that the radio stations had been attacked because they were "being used for improper purposes."

According to unconfirmed reports, the President of the University of Indonesia, Dr. Bahder Djohan, has submitted his resignation as a protest against the Government's bombing of Central Sumatra.

In Manila, a spokesman for the Indonesian rebels said that "a strong counter-attack" will be launched against the Central Government in the near future. He added that the insurgents would soon put an air force into the skies, and were negotiating purchases of Dakota DC-4 two-engined planes in "several Asian nations."

The Electoral Committee in Jakarta announced today that Indonesia's second general election will be held on September 29, 1959 and the new parliament will be installed on March 29 1960.

(Reuter, UP)

Dulles Warned on U.S. Planes in Indonesia

WASHINGTON, Tuesday (UP). — Sen. John Marshall Butler urged Secretary of State Dulles today to protest the use by the Indonesian Government of American-made planes to bomb three rebel strongholds in Central Sumatra and North Celebes.

News dispatches said American-made P-51 fighters and B-26 bombers were used in the attack.

"I have no knowledge of how the pro-Communist Government of Indonesia came into possession of these fighting planes," Mr. Butler said in a telegram.

MEIR TO ARRIVE IN LIBERIA TODAY

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Foreign Minister, Mrs. Golda Meir, is due in Monrovia, Liberia, today on the start of her goodwill tour of various West African countries.

She will stay in Liberia for five days as guest of the Government and will be received by President Tubman.

Among the topics to be reviewed with Liberian officials is the possibility of setting up a joint Israel-Liberian shipping line, similar to the Black Star line established jointly by Israel and Ghana. It is understood that the new venture is still in the exploratory stages.

President May Visit Brussels Fair

The President is expected to accept an invitation from the management of the Brussels Fair to visit the exhibition during July, it was learned in Jerusalem yesterday.

Similar invitations have been extended to the heads of state of the other participating countries.

AFTER MIDNIGHT

Abdul Ha'aveda last night lost its 15-year-old hegemony in the Bakery Workers Union when it returned only nine mandates to its previous 13 in the Union's Executive Committee, while Mapai increased its seats from one to six, with other parties holding four seats.

Another New Record!

This time not a record of a "Britannia" passenger plane or a Sputnik. "OR", Shemen's new washing powder, achieved a record in making linen whiter, for "OR" is the latest achievement in its field.

Try it once, madam, and you will soon be convinced that "OR," with neither scrubbing nor toil, makes your washing whiter than anything you have known before. *(Adv.)*

Murphy Starts 'Good Offices' Talks in Tunis

TUNIS, Tuesday. — The U.S. Deputy Under-Secretary, Mr. Robert Murphy, today began his "good offices" talks with President Bourguiba on the Franco-Tunisian crisis as thousands of demonstrators paraded outside Government House.

As police fought to restrain the crowds, even whiteveiled Arab women threw aside their traditional modesty to scream for the total evacuation of French troops from the country.

The first round of talks in President Bourguiba's office, which lasted over two hours, was also attended by the U.S. Ambassador, Mr. Lewis Jones, and the Tunisian Foreign Minister, Sadok Mokhadem. Afterwards, Mr. Murphy told reporters he had made "a step forward," adding: "I am more optimistic than ever."

Loss of Africa

In Paris, M. Pineau said today that if France lost North Africa, the whole of the western world would be the losers.

Speaking in a debate on Franco-Tunisian relations in the Council of the Republic (Upper House), he added that the Atlantic Pact was of value only if its solidarity were maintained everywhere in the world.

"We told that to the U.S. We also told them of the big mistakes they had made—in particular over the Baghdad Pact and Suez. It is certain that when the Americans stopped us from finishing the Suez affair a few days short of its success they finally compromised the positions of the West in the Middle East. We told them that but we were never listened to."

(UP, Reuter)

Eshkol to Knesset: Cannot Take Away Currency, Import Controls

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

The Minister of Finance, Mr. Levi Eshkol, told the Knesset yesterday that he does not yet see any possibility of the general abolition of controls on foreign currency, on imports, or on capital transfer.

Mr. Eshkol was replying to the debate on the 1958/59 budget which passed its first reading yesterday. The budget was supported by the five Coalition parties, and opposed by Herut, the General Zionists and the Communists. Poalei Aguda abstained and no Aguda members were present.

Addressing himself to the Herut and General Zionist speakers who had proposed the abolition of foreign currency controls, Mr. Eshkol said that the most important sources of our foreign currency revenue are limited and subject to unpredictable ups and downs.

Exchange Rate

Draughts which blow from time to time in the political and security arena changes in the proportions of immigration, unpreventable speculative movements, the constant expansion of credit all influenced the fluctuations in the rate of exchange.

Under these conditions the abolition of controls would be tantamount to the abandonment of the rate of exchange to every chance breeze and would result in perpetual tremors in the economy, Mr. Eshkol declared.

Almost everything in the State was linked to the price index—from wages to the level of the stock market. Fluctuations in the rate of foreign exchange would have an even greater influence, since imported products are included in almost every item we produce.

Mr. Eshkol said that even if we had large reserves of foreign currency which could be used to regulate harmful fluctuations in the market, the above reasons would still be sufficient to warrant the continuation of controls. Given the present state of our reserves, abolition would be an irresponsible step which would throw the economy into complete confusion for no good purpose.

Easing Import Rules

Nevertheless to the small extent that it has proved possible import regulations have been liberalized. This has been done with regard to lumber, hides, chemicals, plastic goods, and office machines. Experience had proven that it was better to go slow in this matter and avoid importing beyond our capacity.

It was idle to suggest that it was currency controls that was keeping foreign capital away, Mr. Eshkol said. Every possible aid and encouragement was given to any plan for the productive investment of private capital. If we have not been more successful the reason lies in the general difficulties faced by any country trying to attract capital from far-away lands, plus the special difficulties springing from our political and security position.

Mr. Eshkol emphatically denied that the Government discriminated against the private sector in making loans. In both agriculture and industry it was not the name of the firm or the sector, but the type of work or product that determined whether loans were granted.

Some of Mr. Eshkol's sharpest barbs were reserved for two speakers of Mapam, Mr. Hanan Rubin and Mrs. Emma Talmi, whom he characterized as the "irresponsible Coalition partners."

"Let's assume that the standard of living has not risen," he said, "then who is at fault? Why come to me with complaints. Why these pricks?"

Mr. Eshkol also replied to

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Egyptian Forces Quit Some Red Sea Positions, Khartoum Says

Akaba Gulf Int'l Waterway, Britain Tells Sea Parley

GENEVA, Tuesday.—Britain today came out against any extension of the territorial waters in the Gulf of Akaba, or any interference in the shipping rights of innocent passage in that area. The opposition was voiced by the British Attorney-General, Sir Reginald Manningham-Buller, head of the British delegation to the "Law of the Sea" conference here.

"I think one of the dangers we must guard against is that the particular interests of territorial states, to which regard must naturally be paid, may tend to insufficient importance being attached to the maintenance of the freedom of the seas in the interests of all nations," he said.

"It may be that some particular country or coastal state wants the area of its territorial waters to be extended, but the very extension of territorial waters means an equivalent restriction upon the rights of other nations on the high seas, and diminishes that freedom," Sir Reginald said. "The extension of territorial waters is also a measure which increases friction between nations and does not reduce them," he added.

Asked if his remarks could be applied to the Gulf of Akaba, where Saudi Arabia has announced extension of her territorial waters, Sir Reginald simply said "yes."

Spurn Yemen Motion

The 85-nation conference today rejected a Communist-supported motion, put forward by the Yemen, that states not invited to attend the meeting should be allowed to send observers. The vote was 62 to 12 with 11 abstentions.

The conference which began here yesterday and will last for nine weeks is the first major attempt to evolve a comprehensive international agreement on the law of the sea.

The Yemeni motion sought to allow observers from China, East Germany, North Korea, North Vietnam and Mongolia to attend the conference.

Mr. A. N. Sen, Indian Justice Minister, said the resolution adopted by the U.N. Assembly in 1957 convening the conference, laid down that only members of the U.N. and its specialized agencies should be invited. "It would be an extremely dangerous precedent for us to let the U.N. resolution be mutilated or added to by any decision we might take here," he said.

The conference was adjourned until tomorrow.

(INA, Reuter)

U.K. Firm On Guildhall Plan

LONDON, Tuesday (UP). — Minister of State David Ormsby-Gore told the Foreign Press Association today that Britain's official policy continues to rest on the so-called Guildhall speech of former Premier Sir Anthony Eden which suggested a solution on the basis of the 1947 U.N. partition resolution on the Israel-Arab borders.

But he stressed that the statement has been "misquoted and misinterpreted." In the British view, the U.N. resolution must "enter into consideration in talks on a final settlement of the dispute."

He said that the United Arab Republic constitutes a development that had been encouraged by Britain in the past. "There can be no objection to the union," he added. But he cautioned that the absence of a joint frontier between Egypt and Syria gives rise to problems which make it difficult to see how the state can work under such conditions."

Copt Priest's Appeal Turned Down

The Supreme Court sitting as a Court of Criminal Appeals yesterday rejected the appeal of Father Joachim el Anthony, head of the Coptic Church in Israel, against the severity of the sentence of 12 years imprisonment imposed on him for espionage.

The Supreme Court declared that the seriousness of the crimes and the fact that Father el Anthony had enjoyed the confidence of the Israel authorities were sufficient reason to make the Court refuse to intervene in reducing his sentence.

The Court was composed of the President, Justice I. Olshan, and Justices D. Goitein and A. Witkon. The hearings were conducted *in camera*, but the ruling was released for publication.

Marauders Active In Negev

BEERSHEBA, Tuesday. — Infiltrators were active in the Negev last night. They stole 240 metres of pipe from Nahal Oz. Tracks were found leading to the Gaza Strip.

A police ambush yesterday intercepted three smugglers from Jordan in the Nevatim area and seized three sacks of cardamon seeds valued at IL5,000. The three smugglers dropped their load and fled into Jordan.

Nasser Becomes Conciliatory

Egyptian troops have evacuated some fortified positions in the Abu Remada area of the disputed Halaib region on the Red Sea coast, the Sudanese Government announced in Khartoum yesterday.

But it was not made clear whether the Egyptians had left other positions elsewhere, it was added. It was disclosed that Sudanese patrols are continuing to search the area north of Abu Remada towards the northern border.

The apparent withdrawal appeared to signal a quick ending to the first round of the squabble between Egypt and the Sudan over two border areas, totalling about 10,000 square miles immediately north of the 22nd parallel.

Avoiding Debate

Sudanese officials in Khartoum said that the Egyptian move was due to the Egyptian desire to avoid another U.N. Security Council debate on the subject.

Another conciliatory move was made by Abdul Nasser in Damascus yesterday when he accused "imperialism" of trying to drive a wedge between Egypt and the Sudan, and went on to accuse world news agencies of "falsifying reports of the invasion of Sudan by the Egyptian army and of the concentration of troops on the Sudanese borders—a thing no Arab could possibly think of doing."

Damascus was the scene of renewed popular demonstrations yesterday, the second day of Abdul Nasser's visit to the Syrian capital, with huge crowds milling in the public squares, shouting, singing and chanting slogans.

Thousands of people had stayed up all night, thronging the square in front of the Presidential Palace where Nasser is staying. At 7 a.m., Nasser, accompanied by Shukri Kuwatly, former President of Syria, appeared on a balcony to deliver the first of four speeches which he made to the crowds during the course of the day.

Referring to the "ejection of the British, French and Israelis from Port Said and Sinai," Nasser said that the Arab Union would advance from victory to victory against imperialism in North Africa and would return the Palestine Arabs to their former homes.

'Nasser's Feast'

Kuwatly, who also spoke early in the day, said that the occasion marked "the greatest feast of the Arabs — the feast of Abdul Nasser."

Nasser returned to address the crowds at intervals throughout the day, and also received hundreds of delegates representing various religious, educational and civic bodies who had come to pledge their loyalty to the United Republic and its President.

Reliable sources in Damascus confirmed that the main purpose of his visit was to draw up a constitution and name the first ministers to the new Republic. Nasser is to name a small central Cabinet, plus separate Regional Councils for the Syrian and Egyptian "regions."

(UP, Reuter, Cairo R., Damascus R.)

U.S. Extends Recognition

The U.S. Government announced yesterday diplomatic recognition of the United Arab Republic of Egypt and Syria, and expressed its "good wishes" to the new political entity.

The text of the announcement read:

"The U.S. Government has been officially informed of the proclamation of the United Arab Republic following a plebiscite conducted in Egypt and Syria on February 21. The U.S. Government, having taken note of the assurances of the United Arab Republic that it intends to respect and observe its international obligations, including the obligations of Egypt and Syria, respectively, existing at the time of the formation of the United Arab Republic, extended recognition to the Government of the United Arab Republic with an expression of its good wishes."

Canada has also decided to extend formal recognition to the new republic, an External Affairs spokesman announced in Ottawa, and steps are being taken to provide Canada's Ambassador to Egypt, Mr. A. M. Macdonnell, with the necessary new credentials.

Informed sources in London, however, said Britain is not at present considering recognition of the U.A.R. Egypt and Syria broke off diplomatic relations with Britain following the Suez intervention in 1956.

Omar Lutfi, who has been head of the Egyptian delegation to the U.N., yesterday officially informed the Secretary-General, Mr. Hammarskjold, that the name of the Egyptian-Syrian union is the United Arab Republic.

A.F.S. Sends Mission To Persuade Saud

An Iraq-Jordan delegation, headed by Foreign Ministers Burhan e-Din Bashayan and Samir Rifa'i is expected to leave Amman today for Riadh in an effort to persuade King Saud to join the Arab Federated State, U.P. reported from Amman yesterday.

Bashayan arrived in the Jordan capital yesterday, while the Jordan Ambassador to Baghdad, Farhan Shubeilat, who has been in Amman for consultations with his government, returned to the Iraq capital. Informed sources, quoted by Reuter, said he was on a "special urgent mission."

The Iraq parliamentary delegation, which arrived in Amman on Monday, yesterday visited the Old City of Jerusalem as well as Nablus, Tulkarm and Jenin, Ramallah Radio reported. It was greeted by local notables who "recalled the bravery of the Iraqi Army during the Palestine War of 1948" and expressed the hope that the new Federation "would shortly liberate Palestine."

Jordan Arrests More Subversive Elements

AMMAN, Tuesday (Reuter). — The Jordan Government announced today it had made a number of arrests at Nablus, in the course of "serious measures against subversive elements."

ANA reported from Beirut that a former corporal in the Arab Legion, Abdul Rahim Abu Hijla, has been sentenced by a Lebanese court to 12 years jail with hard labour. He was one of the five main accused in a trial of 38 persons — 34 of them Palestine refugees — charged with sabotage and subversive activities in Beirut.

Snow Storms in U.K. Snarl Communications

LONDON, Tuesday (UP). — Blinding snow blizzards swept across Britain today bringing the country its worst weather this winter and playing havoc with transport and communications.

Drifts up to eight feet deep were reported in Yorkshire, Northern England, and thousands of motorists abandoned their cars and trudged to the nearest shelter. Six trains heading for London from Scotland were "lost." Railway officials believe they are blocked by snow drifts along the line.

Explorer Inferior To Sputnik, Pravda Says

MOSCOW, Tuesday (UP).— The Soviet press today bowed to public curiosity and published news of the American earth satellite — but made it plain throughout that the "Explorer" is inferior to the Russian Sputniks.

"Pravda" published its first article on the "Explorer" since it carried the bare launching details. The space specialist, Dr. V. Dobronravov, described the U.S. satellite mainly by quoting the Western press, but added that "the equipment of the satellite is markedly inferior to the Soviet Sputniks."

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Social & Personal

The President and Mrs. Ben-Zvi yesterday received the Inspector-General of Police, Mr. Y. Sahar. The President and Mrs. Ben-Zvi also visited Kibbutz Beit Keshet yesterday to participate in a memorial for the seven members of the settlement, including the President's son, who fell in its defence 10 years ago.

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The members of the Franco-Swiss United Israel Appeal Mission currently touring the country visited the Knesset yesterday and were received by the Speaker, Mr. Yosef Sprinzak.

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The Polish Minister, Mr. Antoni Bida, and the Commercial Attache, Mr. Glwojno, were the guests of the Citrus Marketing Board at the end of last week when they were taken on a tour of the groves and the Central Packing House of Yakhin Hakal in Tel Mond. The guests also visited the Priman Citrus Fruit By-products Factory. After the tour, the visitors were guests at a dinner given by the Board at the Ramat Aviv Hotel.

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A seminar on problems of old age was held today by Malben and concluded with a tour of the Malben-J.D.C. hospital for chronic diseases at Sha'ar Menashe. Representatives of Malben, Kupat Holim, the Hebrew University and Hadassah participated.

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Mr. Eugene Y. Weissman, of Tel Aviv, has been awarded an International Rotary Foundation Scholarship for study in Europe.

Morgenthau Here For Week's Tour

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Mr. Henry Morgenthau, former U.S. Secretary of the Treasury, arrived early yesterday morning for a week's tour of the country. This will include a visit to Tal Shahar, near the Nahshon crossroads, which is named in his honour.

Mr. Morgenthau yesterday called on the Prime Minister in Jerusalem and also visited Mrs. Ben-Gurion, who is recuperating in hospital.

The elder statesman's arrival was delayed for several hours by the inability of his BEA plane to provide him with the oxygen apparatus he thought he might require for the anticipated high altitude trip from Athens to Lydda. He waited at Athens for eight hours until a suitably equipped Swissair plane picked him up.

H.U. Graduates Join Faculty

The Hebrew University announces the appointment of Dr. Yehuda Neumann, Director of Research and Training in the Meteorological Service, as Visiting Professor of Meteorology.

The following three holders of the Ph.D. degree of the Hebrew University have been appointed Instructors: Dr. Yehudit Birk — Biochemistry (in the Faculty of Agriculture); Dr. Gideon Rakavy — Theoretical Physics; and Dr. Dan Yaalon — Mineralogy and Petrography.

Dr. Amnon Jakimovski, holder of the M.Sc. and Ph. D. degrees of the Hebrew University, has been appointed a Research Fellow in Mathematics. He is at present doing research in the University's Institute of Mathematics on a project for the U.S. Air Force.

Dr. Alexandra Poljakoff-Mayber, who also holds the Master's and Doctor's degrees of the Hebrew University, has been promoted to the rank of Lecturer in Botany.

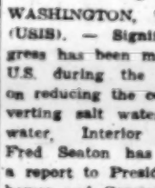
FOR TAKING a neighbour's morning paper, "Omer," out of his letter box, Nusha Sharfian, 18, of Kiryat Motzkin, was yesterday fined IL5 by the Haifa Magistrate.

VISITORS' GALLERY: SIGNE HOJER

EDUCATOR FOR PEACE

Article Two of the constitution of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, founded in 1915, states that the organization "aims at bringing together women of different political and philosophical tendencies, united in their determination to study, make known and abolish the political, social, economic and psychological causes of war, and to work for a constructive peace."

Mrs. Signe Hojer, President of the Swedish branch of the organization, puts it more simply. "We are out to educate women international problems and get them to take an active part in solving them."



Mrs. Hojer is in Israel for 10 days as guest of the Israel branch of the League, which has some 800 members, half of them in Jerusalem.

The League does not aim at acquiring mass membership, Mrs. Hojer said yesterday, but to create a body of well-informed women.

A-Bombs at Sea

One of the issues it is now pushing concerns an international convention on a uniform law of the sea at present being drafted in Geneva under the auspices of the U.N. An addendum forbidding both atom bomb tests and the dumping of radioactive waste material into the sea is being pressed by the League through letters to the Foreign Ministers of all U.N. member nations. The League has two representatives at the U.N.

Mrs. Hojer said the League had been operating in 50 countries before the advent of Hitler. When the pieces were picked up after the war, about 25 branches resumed activities. Two presidents of the League have received the Nobel Prize for Peace, Mrs. Hojer pointed out. — Jane Addams, the noted American social worker, in 1931, and Prof. Emily Balch, in 1946.

The Swedish visitor, who is a mother of four and grandmother of 10, has not confined her activities to the League (with which she has been associated since 1928). She has been for 15 years on the board of the Social Democrats Women League — the women's branch of the Swedish Labour Party — and is proud of this group's part in successfully organizing Swedish public opinion against a Government plan to introduce atomic weapons in the army.

Nurse-Doctor Team

Trained in the London School of Economics and a graduate nurse, Mrs. Hojer has worked in child welfare for the Swedish government medical service. Her husband was chief of medical services for 17 years. For the past four years, while her husband was carrying out a W.H.O. assignment in India, Mrs. Hojer was engaged by the Indian Government to organize child welfare services in Kerala, which, with 10 million inhabitants, is one of the most densely populated areas in the world.

Next country on the list for the couple is Ghana, where Dr. Hojer will organize health services on behalf of the W.H.O. Mrs. Hojer is to work in a lepers' hospital and "see what can be done to eradicate this disease" which still afflicts over 12 million persons, mostly in Asia and Africa.

"The disease is curable now," Mrs. Hojer said yesterday. "And the money that would go to curing it would be much more wisely invested this way than in bombs and sputniks."

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U.S. Advances In Sweetening Water

WASHINGTON, Tuesday (USIS). — Significant progress has been made in the U.S. during the past year on reducing the cost of converting salt water to fresh water, Interior Secretary Fred Seaton has stated in a report to President Eisenhower and Congress. At the same time, Mr. Seaton said that investigation has begun into ways of using nuclear heat to convert sea water to fresh water.

The Secretary noted that rapidly increasing use of water within a few years may make adequate provision of pure water America's greatest domestic problem and perhaps the greatest problem of the whole world. He reported that the six-year old Government desalinization programme has reached what he termed the "pilot plant stage" with construction of two distillation units in North Carolina.

He noted that large quantities of fresh water from the sea may be needed in fast-growing U.S. areas within five or ten years, especially in arid regions. Mr. Seaton said methods of filtering salt from sea water through membranes are well advanced and that a freezing process is almost ready for large-scale testing.

With present equipment, he said, it costs two to three dollars per 1,000 gallons to make salt water fresh. Industries, according to him, may begin to use the process when the cost is reduced to one dollar, and municipal use would be feasible at a cost of 50 or 60 cents per 1,000 gallons.

American Tractors For Israel Arabs

Some 15 wheel-tractors were recently allocated to Arab farmers from the latest consignment arriving from the U.S., according to the Arab Villages Section of the Ministry of Agriculture. Seven have been delivered to their owners while the remainder will be handed over shortly. Additional applications for tractors are now being considered by the Ministry.

The Ministry has appointed a special instructor to visit minorities' villages to advise on the use and maintenance of the tractors. In recent years, some 150 tractors were acquired by farmers of the minority communities, it was said. The Ministry recently allocated to the tractor owners two-year loans totalling IL70,000 for the purchase of agricultural implements and improvement of existing machinery.

Development Authority Need Not Build Shelters

HAIFA, Tuesday. — Magistrate E. Neumann this week ruled that the Development Authority, landlord of 10,000 families in Haifa, is not obliged to build shelters for them.

The ruling was made in a test case brought by the Municipality against the Authority for failing to build shelters in buildings registered in its name.

The magistrate said that as it stands now the Civil Defence Ordinance absolved the Government from the obligation to build shelters.

"But it need hardly be emphasised that this situation is unsatisfactory." The Ordinance had been passed in order to provide the whole population, and not only part of it, with protection against an attack, he added.

25,000 to Sit for High School Aid Exams

Over 25,000 eighth graders will tomorrow sit for a nationwide examination that will determine, in part, whether they are eligible for reductions in secondary school fees.

Under the "graded tuition" system, instituted last semester, elementary school graduates who meet certain academic standards are granted tuition reductions in accordance with their economic status. Of the students sitting for the exams this year, some 1,700 are of minority groups.

Next semester, the graded tuition system will be extended to the second year of secondary school.

Tomorrow's examination will be held at 700 schools. Pupils will be asked to mark the right answer among four choices given for every question.

The Ministry of Education spokesman told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday that allowance was made for pupils who have not gone straight through school in Israel.

He was commenting on protests that have been made by some educators against advancing the date of the nationwide examination. These educators claim that new immigrant pupils might lose out by having three months less to prepare for the examination, which is usually held at the end of the semester.

24 Players Named As National 'Possibles'

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — The Football Association has announced the names of 24 players regarded as "possibles" on a national team in future international matches.

The footballers today had their first training together at Natanya.

All 15 players who travelled to Cardiff are included in the group, but it is the players who have been left out that will cause most heated debate. Except for Aharon Amar, the brilliant young Haifa Maccabi half-back, no Haifa players have been named. This is particularly surprising, considering the outstanding talents of several members of Haifa Maccabi, now third in the National League and its most improved eleven, among them Menchell, Ben-Zvi and Held.

It is seen likely that Israel's football team will participate in the Asian games in Tokyo, though strong opposition has been voiced by basketball and light athletics circles.

Memorial For The Unknown Soldier

The Defence Forces Chaplaincy is to hold a memorial service for the unknown soldier tomorrow (Adar 7), the traditional anniversary of the death of Moses, whose final resting place is also unknown.

The service will be held at 1.30 p.m. at the military cemetery on Mount Herzl, in the presence of bereaved parents, representatives of the armed forces and of public institutions. A special plot for fallen soldiers whose burial place is unknown will be consecrated.

Modes in the Air

Jerusalem Post Bureau

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — Last night's arrival of the Mr. John, New York fashion house group, is the latest El Al sales promotion effort for its air freighting by Britannias.

The Britannia carriers have room for over three tons of cargo, compared with the one ton which Constellations can take. Because of their wide doors, they can also carry bulk freight.

El Al with Telva fashions has staged fashion shows in London and Zurich, and will next appear in Manchester, next month, and in Paris' "Au Printemps" in April. Clothing is said to be one of the best suited products for air freight as in Britannia airliners dresses do not even have to be packed, but can go onto shop counters in New York, London, Paris, Vienna or Rome practically immediately on their arrival.

The company has flown a bewildering variety of goods, including sea lions, that had to be bathed at every airport; Salk vaccine monkeys; medical supplies, records, newspapers, fruit, flowers, vegetables and mail. It has made Eilat fish fly (in special plastic aquaria) to New York.

Birds have provoked some interest because it has been claimed that if they fly in the planes they do not add to its weight. But, it is reported, they take up air space and breathe El Al's air.

The El Al freight department, headed by Mr. B. Magen, points out that besides getting Israel exports to their destination without any delay, air freight has lower packaging and insurance costs.

Goods shipped by air from Lydda can reach any place in the world, because of transhipment arrangements with other airlines and shipping companies.

SPORTS ROUND THE WORLD

By Reuter's Correspondents

GOTHENBURG. — Ingemar Johansson, 25-year-old unbeaten Swedish boxer, retained his European heavyweight title here by battering British and Empire champion Joe Erskine into submission in 13 rounds. It was not a great fight, but it was a gruelling one, which showed that neither man could yet match the standard of world champion, Floyd Patterson.

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LONDON. — The French Army beat the British Army, 3-0 on the Chelsea ground here, despite efforts by £25,000 outside-left Cliff Jones, Britain's highest priced football player. The French played faster football than the British. Jones was the only Briton to threaten the French whose strong defence remained steadfast throughout.

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LONDON. — Tony Macedo, Fulham's 20 year old Gibraltar-born goalkeeper, has been chosen for the London side to meet Barcelona, Spain, in the first leg of the Inter-Cities Fairs Soccer Cup Final here on March 5.

ON THE AIR

FIRST PROGRAMME
322, 240, 33.3, 41.7 M.

News: Hebrew: 6.25, 7.00 & 7.55 a.m. 1.30, 5.00, 7.00, 9.00, 11.00 p.m.

English: 1.45 p.m. **French:** 2.00 p.m.

6.30 Religious Service (R). 6.37 Callisthenics. 6.47 Musical Clock (R).

12.00 N. Lunchtime Music — With Trio Odemira (Vocalists). 12.30 "Housewife's Corner" — Requests.

4.30 News in English, Swedish and Spanish. 5.06 Oriental Tunes. 5.30 "Youth Corner." 6.00 "We Present Tonight." 6.06 Popular Songs and Tunes. 6.30 Hebrew Language Corner. 6.45 Tunes of the Nations. 7.15 Trio "Los Paraguayad." 7.30 Programme on the Histadrut Activities. 7.50 Cantoral Requests. 8.15 "Everyday Hebrew." 8.20 "From South & West." 8.55 Bible Reading: Psalms, Chaps. 94 & 95. 9.15 "Newsreel." 9.30 Piano Recital, by Phina Salzmann — Two Sonatas (Scarlatti); Funeral Tune (Liszt); Losginka (Liapounoff); 10.00 Suspense Programme. 10.30 "Why Just So?"

SECOND PROGRAMME
422, 469, 293.7, 41.7 & 33.3 M.

IMMIGRANTS' HOUR: 6.00 "We Present Tonight." 6.06 Mishna Lesson. 6.25 Chamber Music — String Quartet No. 10 in E-flat-major, op. 74 (Beethoven).

7.00 French. 7.30 Yiddish. 8.00 Rumanian. 8.15 Hungarian. 8.30 Ladino. 9.00 Interval. 9.15 Mograbit. 9.30 News in Easy Hebrew. 9.45 Polish. 10.00 News in English.

ARABIC PROGRAMME
497 & 41.97 M.

Arabic Programme (including News): 6.30—7.15 a.m. 1.15—2.15 and 5.30—9.45 p.m.

KOL ZION LAGOLA (32.3 M.):
Programme to South Africa: News and Topical Talk by M. Pearlman. 6.50 "Editorial Opinion." 7.00 "Kol Yerushalayim"—Hebrew Lesson, by Judah Shaval. 7.15 Yiddish.

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Modified Asian Flu Around, But It Isn't Second Round

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Persons who are down with flu in various parts of the country are "probably suffering from a modified form of Asian flu," Dr. Michael Davies, Director of the Epidemiological Department in the Ministry of Health told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday.

But total incidence is "very little more" than in a normal flu season, he added.

Dr. Davies emphasised that this was *not* a second round of the Asian flu epidemic which hit Israel last October.

He explained that the first explosive outbreak had gradually tapered off, and persons falling ill now were catching the tail end of the outbreak. This had also been the experience of the U.S. and other countries through which the epidemic had passed.

Most of the present victims had escaped the main epidemic, Dr. Davies pointed out, and there were only scattered instances of a person falling ill a second time.

While it is known that there are outbreaks now in Jerusalem, Beersheba and some kibbutzim which avoided the epidemic at the end of last year, it is difficult to estimate incidence of Asian flu. This is because physicians have in most cases ceased notifying District Health Offices (until the Asian flu epidemic, flu was not included among notifiable diseases) and because many people who fell ill with flu simply did not call in a doctor.

According to reports sent in by District Health Offices, there were 34,000 cases of flu in December and some 4,000 in January, with a similar figure expected for this month.

Ahdut Demands Probe Of Haifa Workers Polls

Jerusalem Post Bureau

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — Ahdut Ha'avoda has demanded a Histadrut enquiry into the conduct of Haifa Mapai leaders before and during the recent elections of works committees at the Kurdaneh and Shemen works.

The party secretariat especially condemned the conduct of the Haifa Labour Council Secretary, Mr. Y. Almogi, M.K. They asked for the enquiry in a letter yesterday to Mr. P. Lavon, Histadrut Secretary-General, adding that if the request was not accepted by the Histadrut Central Committee, they would raise it at the next meeting of the Histadrut Executive.

During the recent elections at Ata, an Ahdut Ha'avoda complaint was withdrawn when the results (unfavourable to Mapai) were announced. This drew a strong protest from the Histadrut's Control Commission.

ISRAEL ON SHOW IN FINLAND

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — Fifty-five Israel firms are to participate in the Helsinki Fair to be opened on March 14, it is reported. This is a Finnish national fair, and Israel is said to be the first foreign country to participate since the end of the war.

Mr. S. Schulmann, Administrative Director of the Israel Company for International Exhibitions, left for Finland today to supervise the setting up of the Israel Pavilion in Helsinki. All the exhibits have already been despatched.

Strong Action Against Impure Foods Wanted

One hundred and fifty-two tons of fresh food products and a quantity of canned and bottled foods and pasteurised milk were destroyed during 1957 by the Ministry of Health, because of impurities, it was revealed by Mr. Hillel Hellman of the Ministry at a recent meeting of the Consumers' Council in Jerusalem.

In its recommendations the Council which functions within the Ministry of Commerce and Industry urged the Government to hasten the enactment of a uniform Pure Food Law for the protection of the consumer, producer and food dealer. Many of the participants in the discussion urged the taking of drastic steps against the production and sale of impure foods and called for the launching of a public information campaign for the improvement of food standards.

The following recommendations were also approved by the Council:

To take drastic action, including the rescinding of licences, for the improvement of the sanitary conditions in food canning plants;

To encourage the packaging of smaller loaves of bread;

To amend the present regulations providing for the sanitary inspection of bakeries; and

To establish central vegetable inspection stations.

At the Cinema

"LISBON" (Yaron, Tel Aviv) is a story of intrigue, smuggling and love against the background of Portugal's whitely-glittering capital. All the ingredients of a potentially good thriller are there with Claude Rains as an enigmatic Greek directing all sorts of nefarious operations, Ray Milland as the skipper of a ship willing to sell his services for anything short of murder, Yvonne Furnaux as a beautiful American searching for a lost husband and pretty Maureen O'Hara to provide a happy ending. But in spite of an adequately competent cast and plenty of action, the pace remains so leisurely throughout that little tension is evoked. S. W.

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Permanent Exhibition of Antiquities. Recent finds: marble Statue of Nemesis. Department of Antiquities, 25 Rehov Shlomo Hamelech, 9-1, 3-5.

Paintings and woodcuts by Carl Rabus. Sculptures by K. E. Marcus and mosaics at Nora Art Gallery, 9 Maimon Ave., Jerusalem, 10-1, 3-6.

• **Lecture:** —
Dr. Henry Steinberg on "Problems in International Law," under the auspices of the U.N. Association, at the Rothschild School, Rehov Usishkin, at 8.15 p.m.

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Paintings of Shlomo Vitkin and Shmuel Tepler, Art Pavilion, 9 Rehov Alharizi. 10-1, 4-7.

• **Y.O.A. House:**—
Tourist Service (9-9); Exhibition Emma Reyes (10-1, 4-9).

• **Circus:**—
Medrano, Malchei Yisrael, two perfs. 4.30, 8.30.

• **Theatre:**—
Habimah, "Throw Him To The Dogs." 8.
Ohel, "A Good Job," 8.

• **Play Reading:** —
"An Inspector Calls" by the Team Players under the auspices of Hitahdut Olei Britannia at the Keren Hayesod Hall, 53a Rehov Hayarkon at 8.30 p.m.

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• **Tourist Service:**—
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Exhibition and sale of the products of Batei Hahalutzot by the Haifa branch of the Women's League for Israel, Beit Hahalutzot, 3 Rehov Yalag. 10-9.

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Today's Postbag

The Weather

FORECAST: Fair and warm.
WEATHER SYNOPSIS: High pressure centred over the Eastern Mediterranean and Turkey is causing the fine weather in Israel.

	°A	B	C	D
Mt. Cana'an	62	5	15	16
Tiberias	55	—	10	20
Haifa Port	58	9	20	23
Natanya	61	10	22	23
Tel Aviv Kiryа	56	8	21	22
Tel Aviv Port	58	9	20	22
Lydda Airport	43	6	21	23
Jerusalem	33	6	16	18
Beersheba	36	6	12	23
Sdom	51	11	26	27
Eilat	43	12	27	28

°A) Humidity at 6 p.m. B) Minimum temp. yesterday. C) Maximum yesterday. D) Maximum temp. expected today.

ARRIVALS

Mr. E. Lace, Jewish Agency Representative in Europe, for consultations with the Agency Executive and Treasury.

DEPARTURES

Mr. A. Dissentchik, editor of "Ma'ariv," for a two week visit to London and New York. (by El Al).

FOR SELLING his sister's marble tombstone, in the Christian cemetery in Jaffa Road, Haifa, Tommy Butage, 39, was yesterday fined IL50 and given a suspended two-year sentence by the Haifa Magistrate.

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THE FILM Censorship Board has banned the showing of the French film, "The Naked Dancer," following the distributor's refusal to delete several passages deemed indecent by the Board.

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THE OWNERS of the new Gat cinema, Tel Aviv, were yesterday fined IL300 by Magistrate Y. Meguri-Cohen for showing a film, "Interlude," on February 1, 4 and 6 without a licence.

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BEERSHEBA civil defence services yesterday dealt with 15 staged incidents of bombing and fire involving casualties in an exercise held in the town.

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12 YOUNG dancers of the Hebrew University's Students Association dance group are to tour Jewish communities in various West European countries for six weeks from mid-March, under the auspices of the Tenth Anniversary Committee.

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY

The Struggle for Independence

February 26, 1948

The Palestine Bill making formal provision for the termination of British rule in Palestine was given its first reading in the House of Commons today.

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The Hagana took the offensive in Jerusalem last night and overran Arab positions in the Wadi Joz area, after previously beating off a concerted Arab attack on the Hebrew University and the Hadassah Hospital on Mount Scopus.

MOSHE GROSS

The Haifa business community yesterday paid its last respects to the General Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, Moshe Gross, who died at the Rambam Hospital of a heart ailment early yesterday morning at the age of 50. He leaves a wife, a son and a daughter.

He was born in London and was a Zionist from his early youth. He came to the country as a young man, went back to England, but settled in Israel after the proclamation of the State. He was appointed Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce and won wide respect for his devotion to his public duties. He was also Honorary Secretary of the Israel Commonwealth Association's Haifa branch.

The president of the Chamber of Commerce, Mr. N. Ratzkowsky, and the Chairman of the Commonwealth Association in Haifa, Mr. Norman Jacobs, paid tribute to the deceased's personality at the graveside.

JOURNAL. — Publication of a new illustrated monthly journal, "World Jewry," was announced yesterday by the London office of the World Jewish Congress. The first issue will appear on March 3.

One Conviction Not Criminal Record, Joanovici Pleads

One conviction does not constitute "a criminal record" which, according to the Law of Return, could disqualify a Jew from being accepted as an immigrant in Israel, Joseph Joanovici declared in his petition yesterday for an order *nisi* against the Minister of the Interior.

The petition was filed yesterday with the High Court after the Minister had refused Joanovici immigrant's status. It will be heard before three justices on Sunday.

The Minister had no just grounds for denying Joanovici immigrant's status, his counsel declared in the petition. In leaving France for Israel, Joanovici had had no alternative but to use a false name, it was said. He now wished to settle in Israel.

In his petition, Joanovici outlined his record with the French liberation movement and claimed that because of political circles and newspapers in France bent on using him as a scapegoat, an investigation had been opened against him on a charge of collaborating with the Germans. He was acquitted of collaboration and was convicted of the lesser charge of performing acts detrimental to French national security, he stated.

Joanovici submitted to the court copies of statements endorsing his claim to having been an active anti-Nazi underground worker. They included a document signed by the present French Minister of Justice and a letter from the president of the French Press Association to the French President which, besides testifying to Joanovici's work for the French, points out the particular atmosphere under which his trial was held.

Joanovici recounts in his petition the story of his life from when his parents were murdered in Kishinev in 1905, his occupation and exploits in France and the French army, until his arrival in Israel in the beginning of this year. *(Itim)*

Rabbi Conference Urges National Sabbath Bill

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — Concluding their two-day conference, 200 rabbis of the National Religious Party today decided to press the Government to introduce the national Sabbath Bill, as well as a bill for nation-wide prohibition of pork sales.

The convention also appealed to the Jewish Agency to raise the salaries of rabbis in new settlements to the level of those received by cultural instructors. If this demand is not met by April, they decided, the rabbis would appeal to the Jewish public opinion abroad.

A 30-man council was elected today to deal with Tenth Year celebration programmes and the *shemitta* year. The council will send out a pamphlet to all agricultural settlements to explain the importance of the *shemitta* and the ways to continue cultivation without breaking the law.

Rabbi Yerahmiel Ushpizai concluded the convention, which was the sixth national conference of rabbis sponsored by the National Religious Party.

At last night's session, the Minister of Posts, Dr. Y. Burg, said the orthodox sections of the population should not strive merely to maintain the *status quo*, because if they do so, religion would fade away. The task is to expand its influence, he said.

The Deputy Minister for Religious Affairs, Dr. Z. Warhaftig, reported that a national convention of rabbis would be held in Jerusalem shortly after the inauguration of the Supreme Religious Centre. He regretted the recent Knesset vote barring religious dignitaries from the House. In most other countries, he said, spiritual leaders were the most obvious choice to represent the people in the legislature.

The Chief Rabbi of Tel Aviv, J. L. Unterman, declared that the construction of the Jerusalem swimming pool should be opposed by all means, as mixed bathing would lead to immorality.

Sephardi Rabbis Rap Jerusalem Community

A statement sharply criticising the Jerusalem Sephardic Community Committee was issued yesterday over the names of 13 Sephardi rabbis in *yeshivot* and various communities and towns.

The statement terms a "base slander" the accusation of the Committee that Rabbi Nissim was chosen to the post of Chief Rabbi solely by the Ashkenazim.

Single Vote Against Kerosene Restriction

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Knesset yesterday passed the first reading of a bill to extend until the end of 1958 the validity of the emergency regulations prohibiting the use of kerosene in motor vehicles. Mr. Ezra Ichilov (General Zionist) voted against the bill.

The Minister of Transport, Mr. Moshe Carmel, in presenting the bill said it was necessary for three reasons: kerosene causes the deterioration of the engine (and thus lead, to additional foreign currency expenditure for new parts and new vehicles); its fumes are harmful to health; and it decreases Government revenue by avoiding payment of the excise on benzine.

Mr. Ichilov said that all the Government was really interested in was the loss in revenue. The fumes from one Diesel-operated Chausson bus were more harmful than that from 100 kerosene-driven taxis or automobiles. The penalties — including suspension of driving licence for six months — were much too severe for the crime, Mr. Ichilov felt.

Three Bills Pass First Reading in Knesset

The Knesset last night, without opposition, passed the first reading of the following bills:

Bill to Amend the Civil Law Procedure, Puts the State on a par with private individuals, so that it can be sued for any reason an individual may be sued for. Also makes the State of Israel, rather than the Attorney-General, the plaintiff or defendant in cases to which it is a party.

Independence Day Bill (Amendment No. 5). Authorises the Prime Minister to fix special emblems to mark Independence Day, and to protect them from abuse.

Hotel Accommodation Bill. Authorises the Prime Minister to appoint accommodation officers who, between March 1 and December 31, 1958, may order hotels and pensions to make a particular room available to a particular tourist.

NINIO, OF HABIMAH, HIT IN ACCIDENT

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — Mr. Avraham Ninio, the Habimah actor, was injured before noon today when he was hit by a hit-and-run driver of a truck while he was riding his scooter on the Petah Tikva highway.

Mr. Ninio was taken to the Hadassah Hospital suffering from concussion.

20 Natorei Karta Face Court

Only after the Natorei Karta demonstrators stoned the police was the order given to operate water hoses on them, Police Inspector D. Wilk testified today at the trial of 20 adherents of the ultra-orthodox group.

The defendants, charged with illegal assembly on February 13, when they demonstrated against the construction of a swimming pool in the Capital, appeared before Jerusalem Magistrate Y. Noam.

Inspector Wilk told the court that on receiving a report that a Natorei Karta demonstration was impending, the District Police ordered a stand-by. On receipt of later reports that the demonstrators were marching along Rehov Straus, in the centre of the capital, police were deployed in two cordons at the Rehov Hanevi'im-Straus corner.

An instruction to abstain from using force had been issued by District Superintendent of Police, Mr. Levi Avrahami, he said. After the demonstrators refused to disperse, he ordered the police to advance in a chain, the witness continued. Hoses were brought into play when the demonstrators stoned the police.

Inspector Wilk said that the demonstrators, after dispersing, rallied and returned to the scene, and the "game" continued for an hour and a half. Eight policemen were injured and a police vehicle was damaged.

At the start of the hearing the court acceded to a request by the counsel for two of the accused, Mr. Y. Lutan, that he be relieved of his duties since he had failed to reach agreement with his clients on his line of defence.

One of the accused, who allegedly insulted the Police Prosecutor at the close of the hearing, was detained in the lock-up. *(Itim)*

No More Oranges Until Passover

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Food Controller in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry has decided to stop the distribution of oranges to the local market until shortly before Passover, it is learned.

Any fruit found on the market has been "smuggled" by individual grove owners, it was said.

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Ex-policeman **Eliyahu Lutati as he was brought into the Tel Aviv Magistrates Court for arraignment on a charge of assaulting the Inspector-General of Police.** Berez Photo

Sahar's Assailant is 'Sorry'

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — Eliyahu Lutati, the ex-policeman who assaulted the Inspector-General of Police, Mr. Y. Sahar, with a knife on Sunday, was today refused bail and remanded in custody until the end of his preliminary investigation. District Judge I. Zundelewicz declared that if the accused would forgo preliminary investigation, he could apply again for bail so long as his trial is not set before March 16.

The detention order was issued at the request of District Attorney Y. Bar-Or, who declared that the offence was a serious one which carried a maximum sentence of life imprisonment.

Lutati, who appeared depressed, pleaded on his own behalf. He expressed his sorrow for his action and wished Mr. Sahar a speedy recovery.

"My thanks are due to Mr. Amos Ben-Gurion (Deputy Inspector-General who overpowered Lutati in Mr. Sahar's office) for preventing a possible tragic outcome of the incident," he declared. "I meant no harm, but only wanted to defend myself, and it was Mr. Sahar who attacked me."

Lutati then said that had he not been wronged in the Border Police he would not have "come to this." "I was ill, I underwent operations, and instead of helping me they assigned me to hard work."

Lutati requested legal representation and that he be granted bail "because I didn't attack but was attacked." He declared that he lived on the border and there was no one to take care of his wife, who is pregnant. Lutati also complained of his treatment in prison where "they don't regard me as an injured person, even though I too was hurt in the tussle with the Inspector-General."

Lutati's wife recapitulated in court the events during the morning of the attack, when her husband left Jerusalem for Tel Aviv.

Sahar Catches Bus

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — A bus driver caught speeding by the Inspector General of Police, Mr. Y. Sahar, was today fined IL40 in the Traffic Court.

Mr. Sahar told the court that, while travelling in his car on the Herzliya road last month, he noticed an Egged bus travelling at great speed and overtaking another bus at a crossroads. He declared that only after driving at 90 kph did he succeed in halting the offending vehicle.

Mr. Sahar said he then boarded the bus and asked the driver, Mr. Nahum Gratsowsky for his licence. The latter apologized for not having it with him and Mr. Sahar made out a report on three charges: overtaking on the Tel Baruch crossroads; for speeding, and failure to present a licence to a uniformed policeman.

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had complained of inequalities in various areas, and the two Arab Members who listed a whole series of physical improvements that have been and are being made in Arab villages. If there were specific complaints about unfair tax assessments these should be reported immediately and not saved up for an annual speech in the budget debate.

Mr. Eshkol doubted whether the recurring complaints expressed by the Arab Members were conducive to good relations between Jews and Arabs, and he thought that some of these complaints smacked of competition with the Communists.

The last speaker in the budget debate, Mr. Itzhak Raphael (National Religious), regretted the decline in the proportion of the budget going to development from 33.5 per cent two years ago to 31 per cent in the new budget. He also claimed that the Government was neglecting the possibilities of religious articles and Hebrew books, exports of which could be increased 20-fold.

Making his maiden speech on Monday night, Mr. Amos Dgani (Mapai) stressed the importance for the future of the State of what is done or not done today in the way of development. He said it was extremely important to develop water and electricity resources now in order to avoid shortages in the not too distant future.

Eilath Agrees to Stay On at London Post

The Israel Ambassador to London, Mr. Eliahu Eilath, has acceded to the Foreign Minister's request that he remain at his present post, it was announced last night in Jerusalem by the Government Press Office.

The announcement followed Mr. Eilath's meetings with Mrs. Meir in Paris earlier this week. He had previously requested that he be allowed to return home after 12 years of continuous service abroad.

Mr. Eilath served as the representative of the Jewish Agency in Washington from 1945 to 1948 and from that year as Israel's Special Representative. He was raised to ambassadorial rank in 1949, and remained in Washington till 1950, when he was appointed to his present post.

Col. Stirling, 78

The death of Colonel Walter F. (Mike) Stirling in Tangier at the age of 78 was reported over the week-end.

Colonel Stirling served as Governor of the Jaffa District in the Palestine Administration from 1920-23. He later served as political adviser to Emir Faisal of Iraq and King Zog of Albania. He settled in Damascus after World War II and served as the Syrian correspondent of the "London Times." He later went to Egypt, from where he was expelled in 1951 and settled in Tangier.

Leopold Freed after 34 Years

Nathan Leopold, who together with Richard Loeb was sentenced to life imprisonment for the premeditated murder of a nine-year-old boy in Chicago in 1924, was paroled last week by the U.S. Federal Authorities and released from the Springfield Federal Penitentiary on Sunday after 34 years in prison.

The story of the murder and the trial was unfolded anew in an interview with Meyer Levin, the novelist, who is on a visit here with his family. Levin had based his best-selling novel, "Compulsion," on the Leopold-Loeb case — and the book was believed to have spurred efforts for Leopold's parole.

The two brilliant and spoiled sons of well-to-do Jewish families in Chicago conspired to murder the boy, "just to see (in their words to the court that tried their case) how it feels to commit the perfect murder." They kidnapped Bobby Frank, the nine-year-old son of a neighbour, killed him and later called his father and demanded the payment of ransom for his safe return. They were apprehended after police found a pair of Loeb's glasses at the scene of the murder. They were defended by Clarence Darrow in one of the trials of the century.

Tragedy continued to haunt the protagonists in the drama, with Loeb's father dying of a heart attack a few weeks following the trial, Leopold's father and Mr. Frank dying a few years later and the committal of the trial judge to a mental home, from which he never emerged following accusations that he had been bribed not to sentence the two youths to death. Loeb himself was killed in a prison riot in 1937.

Leopold has, in prison mastered 14 languages and completed a medical course. Now 53, he has requested to be allowed to work in a Puerto Rican hospital for his keep and a minimal salary.

Accord Nearer In Kupat Holim Rift

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — Prospects rose today for a settlement of the current dispute between Kupat Holim and its doctors over reforms in clinic work methods. Talks are to open tomorrow between the two sides in the Beilinson Hospital, near here, under the chairmanship of Mr. A. Becker, head of the Histadrut Trades Union Department. A conciliatory atmosphere has developed all round, especially after yesterday's meeting of the Medical Association in Haifa, when the expected strike threat did not materialise and, in its stead, an optimistic note was sounded.

Mr. Y. Oren, Kupat Holim Secretary, told *The Jerusalem Post* tonight that "the sick fund was prepared to reach a working arrangement with the doctors on the basis of the reforms." A compromise solution could be expected, and it was hoped that the meeting "would be short and practical."

The Medical Association's head, Dr. R. Czerbin, also forecast "good prospects" for the outcome of the talks.

The proposed reforms include the institution of a panel system of family doctors and the possibility of free choice of doctors by Kupat Holim members. Until now the doctors had conditioned their acceptance of the reforms on prior settlement of wage claims.

Breakdown in Talks On Engineers' Claims

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — The possibility of an engineers strike increased following yesterday's breakdown in preliminary talks between Histadrut heads, led by the Secretary-General Mr. P. Lavon, and engineer union leaders over the engineers' wage and grading claims.

The former Histadrut negotiators rejected the union demand for double seniority pay, declaring that such a move would be out of step with trades union policy.

The engineers met immediately afterwards and decided to bring the matter before the Union Council on Monday, when "extreme" organizational steps would be decided upon," it was said.

Industrial Power to Cost Up to 20 Per Cent More

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Power rates are to rise up to 20 per cent, the Interministerial Economic Committee decided yesterday following study of a subcommittee's report.

However, in deciding the extent of the increase to each industrial consumer, special consideration is to be given those enterprises whose power consumption constitutes a major part of their expenses, or if the firm manufactures for export. Some firms may be exempted from the increase.

The Corporation will be authorized to lower the rates for domestic consumption with a view to increasing this type of consumption only if this raises the Corporation's income without increasing foreign currency expenditure.

First El Al Flight from Cologne Brings German Visitors

Jerusalem Post Reporter

LYDDA AIRPORT, Tuesday.—Dr. Friedrich Jans, Director-General of the West German Foreign Ministry, was among the 20 passengers brought here today by the first commercial El Al flight on the Cologne-Lydda run.

Dr. Jans, who is to stay in Israel for two days before proceeding to Istanbul, will be entertained to lunch by President Itzhak Ben-Zvi on Wednesday. He was instrumental in rescuing the cultural remnants of Worms Jewry.

Dr. Jans told the press here that his visit was not official and had no connection with his post.

Other West German officials arriving on the same plane were the Deputy Director of the Information Ministry, Mr. W. Kruger, Dr. J. Zeiberlich of the Economic Ministry, Dr. W. Kopp of the Finance Ministry, and Mr. H. G. Von Dam, Secretary of the West German Communities Council.

Mr. N. Shamir, Acting Manager of the Shilumim Corporation, seven West German journalists, and four travel agents — two Germans, an American and a Swiss, were also passengers on the flight.

Mr. A. Ben-Artzi, General Manager of El Al, who also made the trip, told the press here of the reception accorded the El Al plane at Cologne airport. Mr. Ben-Artzi hoped that the new route would justify itself from a commercial point of view. Lufthansa, the German airline, had taken part in the negotiations which preceded the opening of the line, he revealed, but the German company did not intend opening a line to Lydda. At present, Lufthansa maintains flights to the Middle East on the Beirut-Istanbul routes.

Police were today closely guarding hotels where the German visitors are staying.

Dutch Line From Eilat Approved

A regular freight line between Eilat and the East African coast is to be established soon by a Dutch company.

Agreement in principle was reached yesterday by the Interministerial Economic Committee, which also approved a three-year contract with the Dutch company.

An optional clause, however, permits cancellation of the contract at the end of one year.

It is probable that at first only one ship, which will fly the Dutch flag, will ply the route.

The authorities are also to study ways and means of assuring sufficient freight for the ship.

The Dutch shipping company is headed by Senator Henrik Willemse, who visited Israel during July and conducted talks on establishing the line.

SAS Urged to Reconsider Stop on Lydda Flights

The Civil Aviation Department in the Ministry of Transportation yesterday expressed the hope that the Scandinavian Airline S.A.S. would reconsider its decision to stop flights to Israel on March 1.

The Ministry spokesman pointed out that S.A.S. had agreed some time ago to stop its Lydda-Germany run when El Al initiated its own service to that country, but that Israel representatives had agreed to S.A.S. maintaining this flight. Discussions with a Swedish delegation centred on the number of passengers which the company could pick up at intermediary stops.

The Israel authorities proposed adopting the principles of the "Bermuda" agreement, which restricts the rights of a company in this respect in accordance with the number of through passengers it carries.

The Swedish delegation differed about the interpretation of a section of this agreement and said it would refer the matter back to its Government.

Although no reply has been received from the Swedish Government, S.A.S. decided to cancel its flights.

The spokesman said that he hoped that S.A.S. would reconsider its position when it had the reply of its Government.

FORGED BANKNOTES SEIZED ON BEDUIN

BEERSHEBA, Tuesday. — A considerable amount of forged IL10 notes were confiscated by the Negev police today from a Beduin tribesman. He claimed that he received them in payment from a Jewish friend.

Target: 600,000,000 Pruta

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The March of Prutot campaign which opens on April 13 aims at collecting IL-600,000 for the treatment of polio-stricken children. Jerusalem's target in the 10-day drive is IL50,000.

This was announced yesterday at the first meeting of the Jerusalem public committee for the March of Prutot under the chairmanship of Mayor Gershon Agron.

Mr. Agron emphasized the educational value of co-opting the citizen into the campaign to ease the suffering of those stricken by the disease.

Prof. Emil Adler, Head of Physiotherapy at Hadassah Hospital, noted that thanks to the Ilanshil-Polio organization not one polio case in Jerusalem was lacking the orthopaedic equipment needed for treatment. He pointed out that the organization maintained a kindergarten in the Capital for such children — the only one of its kind in the country.

Mrs. Shoshana Ben-Zur, in charge of the campaign in Jerusalem, said that international fashion shows and parties will be held during the period.

Members of a special committee were chosen yesterday to supervise the Jerusalem fund-raising. They include Mrs. Sarah Ashbel, Councillor; Supreme Court Justice Landau; Mr. Gideon Hausner; Rabbi P. Nathan; and Mr. D. Haft, auditor.

Haifa Post Workers Charged with Theft

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA, Tuesday. — The Hadar Hacarmel branch postmaster, Avraham Shapira, a post office employee since 1952, and Naftali Israel, a counter-clerk since 1952, were today released on IL750 bail each by the Magistrate after being charged with theft, abuse of trust and conspiracy to commit an offence.

Last Friday, the Haifa postmaster called in the police to investigate the disappearance of IL1,000 from the branch safe. A previous inquiry by the security officer of the postal administration had proved fruitless. No finger prints were found, nor any signs of force on doors, windows or safe.

"It was clearly an inside job," Detective Inspector Ze'ev Baum said today. Six clerks handling money at the busy branch, whose daily turnover runs up to IL40,000, were questioned on Sunday, among them the two suspects.

Shapira had gone on leave on February 7 and had handed over temporary branch management to Michael Cohen, giving him the key to the safe, which is fitted with an ordinary lock. On February 12, Israel, about to transfer to another branch, handed over his cash box to a successor. The two men were known to be very close friends.

In a Rehov Hehalutz hardware shop, police traced an assistant who remembered having recently made a duplicate key of the kind that fitted the safe lock. His description of the customer fitted Israel.

When questioned, Israel is said to have broken down and admitted having received the original key from Shapira. The latter reportedly gave no reason for handing a safe key to a subordinate. He had needed money, he is said to have told the police, and had given a IL500 cheque to Israel who took the cash from his box. When the time came to hand his box over on the eve of his transfer, Israel is said to have taken IL1,000 from the manager's safe, using the duplicate key.

President is Freeman Of Acre Today

Jerusalem Post Reporter

ACRE, Tuesday. — President Itzhak Ben-Zvi will become a freeman of this town tomorrow. The Town Council will hold a festive session in the Municipality's community centre, to which 150 guests have been invited. The streets have been decorated with pennants and flags and some thoroughfares will be closed to traffic during the President's visit.

He will arrive on the outskirts of the town at 9 a.m. and will be met by Mayor Yosef Gadish and Town Councillors. The President will have lunch with them and other notables and return to Jerusalem in the afternoon.

The President and Mrs. Ben-Zvi this morning visited Ramle and spent the night in Haifa.

New Espresso Bar

A new Espresso bar, the Mocca, opened in Jerusalem yesterday at the former Rivoli gifts store in Jaffa Road, near Zion Square.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Istvan and Mr. and Mrs. L. Zoltan, recent arrivals from Hungary, are the owners of the bright little cafe which is managed by Mr. Freddy Cayzer. It was designed by Messrs. Epstein and Hiram.

INVESTIGATION. — Soviet scientists intend in the near future to make a circumstantial investigation of all reports about "abominable snowmen," the newspaper "Soviet Russia" said yesterday.

Eilat Labour Council Secretary Resigns

EILAT, Tuesday. — The Secretary of the Eilat Labour Council, Mr. Yosef Dror, resigned last night after a stormy Council session. He had tendered his resignation two months ago, but it was not accepted.

It is believed that his resignation resulted from differences with other members of the five-man Council and from a personal dispute with the local Trade Union head, Mr. M. Hagalili. It is understood, however, that Mr. Dror enjoys the support of Mayor H. Nenner.

Ramat Gan Names San Martin Street

RAMAT GAN, Tuesday. — The Argentinian Ambassador, Dr. Gregorio Topolevsky, today cut the ribbon on the Ramat Chen Street at a ceremony naming it in honour of General San Martin, the Argentine national hero and liberator of South American States.

Among those present at the ceremony were the Ministers of Brazil, Chile, Cuba and Mexico, the Director of the Foreign Ministry's Latin American Division, Mr. M. Tov, Deputy Mayor E. Rimait, M.K., and residents of South American origin.

The street is situated near the National Park.

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THAT Israel should be short of citrus and people should be queuing for Jaffas at the peak of the season appear at first sight to be signs of something unnatural and deplorable. On second thoughts, however, it is clear that the shortage is only the reverse side of the coin represented by the big demand which our fruit enjoys abroad and the high revenue in foreign currency which we are getting for it.

CITRUS CRISIS

Indeed, this situation should be regarded as a happy one, for there are few other economic fields in which Israel has proved herself capable of standing up to international competition and obtaining for her produce higher prices in the international market than are paid by the domestic consumer. To be sure the present boom has been greatly assisted by the frost in Spain a year ago and the recent freeze in Florida, but these freaks of nature are in themselves additional proof of the fact that Israel is the country most suited to citriculture.

Among all the development projects now being pushed at high cost, none is as sound and secure as the plan to double the area under citrus, although the greatly increased crop that would result might eventually entail lower prices and a smaller return for the individual grower. But this will bring in its wake more reliance on the industrial processing of the fruit. Factories will have to absorb all the additional culls, while at present more than half the culled fruit is sold for human consumption on the local market. In ten years we shall increase fourfold the processed citrus — that is mainly juices and concentrates. Everything must therefore be done to develop the canning industry, to keep it up to date and to expand its marketing possibilities.

It is against this background that the current plight of the processing industry must be reviewed, as it is a corollary to the shortage of fruit. In 1951/2, there were 104,000 tons of citrus processed, but in 1956/57, the quantity dropped to 50,000 tons. For the current season the factories had booked their orders based on an assumed supply of about 40,000 tons of culled oranges, but have to date received only about 8,000 tons with a prospect of another 6,000 tons up to the end of the season. In view of the brisk demand for fresh fruit, culling has been reduced to an unprecedented low of less than 15 per cent of the crop (as compared with an average of 37 per cent for the preceding nine years). Local consumption of fresh citrus has expanded due to both increases in population and a controlled — that is, artificially lowered — price, which is however almost double that paid by the industry.

The result of all this is therefore that the factories are unable to live up to their contractual obligations, and their overseas customers — among whom the most important is the British Food Ministry—are claiming damages and threatening that they "will definitely refuse to purchase any supplies from Israel in future" on account of her unreliability. But even an agreed cut of these orders to perhaps one half of their original amount would obviously represent a heavy blow to the trade reputation of the Israel brands (such as Jaffa Gold) which have been built up with much effort.

Under pressure from the Economic Ministers, the Citrus Marketing Board made an agreement with the canning industry this week, according to which the factories are to get one half of the culls, instead of one quarter as hitherto, while the price difference is to be guaranteed by the Government. However, the compromise will evidently not help the industry out of the mess, this can only be achieved by diverting to the processing plants all the 25,000 tons of culls expected during the next four weeks. Though that may involve considerable hardship for local consumers and a headache for calculators of the C-o-l index, there hardly seems to be any other way out, with Israel's reputation as an exporter at stake, quite apart from the eventual loss of about a million dollars in foreign currency.

The entire system of marketing citrus on the home market seems to be ripe for re-appraisal, but that will have to wait until next season.

THE MIDDLE EAST SCENE

By Amnon Bartur

Sudan Polls Under Shadow of Incursion

TOMORROW's general elections in the Sudan, the first to be held after the proclamation of the country's independence just over two years ago, will be conducted in the shadow of last week's attempts by the Egyptian Government to force the hands of the present pro-Western administration in Khartoum.

Coming at a time when the Sudanese opposition parties were rallying their forces behind a pro-Egyptian electoral platform, not the least important aim of these attempts was to discredit the government of Abdullah Khalil and thus to strengthen the opposition's chances of success in the elections. Even the announcement, made in Cairo last Friday, that the Egyptian Government has agreed to defer talks on the disputed area of Wadi Halfa until after the elections in the Sudan, was meant as a friendly gesture to opposition elements, as it was they who had appealed for the deferment. Egypt's failure officially to notify Khartoum of the decision was only one logical conclusion of her attempt to influence Sudanese election results.

It is now extremely doubtful, however, whether President Nasser's move has helped the opposition. Local nationalist sentiments in the Sudan are fairly strong, and the spectacle of an Egypt seeking to annex what is virtually Sudanese territory can hardly have increased support for the pro-Nasser groups inside the Sudan. If anything, Khalil's chances now seem to have definitely improved, and the opposition parties, which found it necessary to stand behind the Government throughout last week's sabre-rattling, have no doubt lost a good deal of prestige as a result of the dispute.

Parties and Men

It has always been difficult to assess the strength of Sudanese political parties correctly. In the last elections, held in November, 1953, the National Unionist Party, which unites all political groups in favour of union with Egypt, gained no less than 57 out of the 97 seats of the House of Representatives and 32 seats in the 52-member Senate. Shortly afterwards, the party's leader, Ismail el-Azhari, was named Prime Minister. El-Azhari's Cabinet consisted wholly of members of his own party. However, when General Mohammed Nagib, then President of Egypt, arrived in Khartoum on March 1, 1954 for the opening of Parliament, supporters of the Umma (People's) Party of Abdullah Khalil, overran the capital from the surrounding villages. The ensuing demonstrations and rioting prevented Nagib from staying in Khartoum more than 17 hours, and the official opening of Parliament had to be postponed to March 10.

El-Azhari's position was soon to become untenable. Between October, 1955 and July, 1956 he had to resign and re-form his Cabinet three times. On July 4, 1956 he was finally defeated in a vote of confidence in which his Cabinet could rally only 31 votes to the opposition's 60. His defeat was the result of continuous shifts in the National Unionist Party's fortunes, especially following serious internal differences of opinion about the advisability of a union with Egypt. Moreover, General Nagib's second and final ouster from the Presidency had created quite a stir in the Sudan. A delegation of Unionists left for Cairo to persuade the Government to spare the General's life and a number of Sudanese newspapers suspended publication for a day in protest. Indeed, it may safely be said that the disappearance of Nagib, who is of Sudanese origin, was the most important single factor in rallying Sudanese opinion against union with Egypt.

El-Azhari was succeeded in the Premiership by Abdullah Khalil, one-time brigadier in the Sudan Defence Force and Secretary-General of the Umma Party. His 16-man Cabinet included six members of his own party, six from the newly-formed People's Democratic Party (all dissident Unionists), three Liberals (South) and one Republican Socialist. The fact that most of Khalil's Ministers had served under el-Azhari demonstrates to what extent politics in the Sudan remain personal and how they are largely a matter of the Premier's character and personality.

Egypt's Waning Influence

Under Khalil's Cabinet, Egypt's chances of bringing the Sudan into a sort of junior partnership in a Nile Valley Union became even slimmer, not least because of the Unionists' diminishing influence in Parliament. At the same time, Khalil's firm stand against all wooing by the Soviet Bloc has also been successful so far. The offer to barter Sudanese cotton for Soviet arms was curtly rejected, and Sudanese students who attended last summer's Youth Festival in Moscow were subjected to questioning. Although he maintains good relations with Cairo, Khalil has always stressed that his country did not achieve independence from the British in order to surrender it to Egypt; at the time of the Suez military operations, he firmly refused to break off relations with Britain and France.

In his dealings with the West, however, Khalil has tactfully refrained from entering into any overt commitment. When James Richards, President Eisenhower's special envoy to the Middle East, visited Khartoum last spring, the Sudanese Premier did not find himself in a position to "accept" the Eisenhower Doctrine, and no aid agreement was signed with the U.S. Last December, however, Khalil quietly accepted American technical aid under the U.S. Mutual Security Programme.

ABDULLAH KHALIL

Electoral Platforms

In tomorrow's elections, Khalil will have considerable odds to overcome if he is to retain his office. Rallied against him are an assortment of rival parties and religious factions. The election platform of [illegible] Party, the most influential of these, includes the following five-point programme:

- Conclusion of a mutual defence pact with Egypt.
- Coordination of the Sudan's policy with that of the "liberated Arab countries," especially Egypt.
- Liberation of the country from all "imperialist fetters."
- Opposition to all "aggressive pacts" such as the Baghdad Pact.
- Advocacy of the policy formulated at the Bandung Conference.

Some time ago the Unionists formed a National Front with the Anti-Imperialist League (leftists and Communists) and the National League, a student organization whose electoral programme does not differ from the Unionists'. Incidentally, the elections seem to be fought solely on foreign policy issues, which in turn boil down to deciding for or against an Egyptian orientation.

With the balance of political forces inside the Sudan so liable to change it is impossible to make predictions. However, the decision to pool the resources in the majority of constituencies, of the two largest coalition parties, the Umma and the People's Democratic parties so as to avoid waste of votes will no doubt improve the Government's chances. The Liberal Party, another coalition partner, whose strength comes from the South, may also prove a help for Khalil. But it is chiefly in the urban North that the issue will most probably be decided.

Whatever the outcome of tomorrow's elections, however, much is going to depend on them. And not only as far as the Sudan alone is concerned.

In last Wednesday's "Middle East Scene" it was stated that in the Lebanon, the Prime Minister is always a Shi'i Moslem, the Speaker of Parliament a Sunni Moslem. A number of readers have pointed out that it is the other way round. Which, of course, it is. A.B.

Readers' Letters

STAINED-GLASS WINDOWS

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Marc Chagall has donated the designs for stained-glass windows to replace the ones that were destroyed in the Cathedral of Metz, during World War Two. Chagall's themes, taken from the Old and New Testaments, are identical with the medieval ones.

A group of English friends of Israel was prepared to donate stained-glass windows for the future Knesset, some years ago. The project was abandoned because the designs exhibited in Jerusalem were all too Victorian. It would be wonderful if this plan could now be re-activated, basing itself on Chagall-designs.

Yours, etc.
Th. F. M.

Jerusalem, February 18.

SCHOOL UNIFORMS

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — In reply to the letter of I.W. concerning the fixing of a school uniform at the Tel Nordau school in Tel Aviv (your issue of February 14), please note that the wearing of a uniform in elementary schools is optional, and not obligatory. No parent will be compelled to acquire the uniform for his children.

Yours, etc.
URI OREN
Press Officer
Ministry of Education and Culture

Jerusalem, February 20.

UNICEF BOTTLING

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — We should like to point out that our dairy is also amongst those to whom Unicef is giving bottling equipment (your issue of February 12). Our dairy has been established by private milk producers and is one of the most modern in the country.

Yours, etc.
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Nahlat Yitzhak, February 13.

COST OF PETROL

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — I should like to know how it is possible that the cost of petrol all over the country is 330 pr. per litre, whereas at Sonol's Acre station I had to pay 332 pr. per litre instead.

Yours, etc.
L. HEGEDUS

Kiryat Bialik, February 14.

Sonol Replies

We should like to point out that the cost of benzine is not 330 pr. per litre throughout the whole country but varies in accordance with the distance from Haifa. The price is 330 pr. per litre in Haifa, 335 pr. per litre in Tel Aviv and 332 pr. per litre in Acre. All these prices are fixed by Government.

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Haifa, February 21.

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In the letter written by Solomon A. Dann, President of the Arab-Israel League for a Free United States of the Middle East, published in our issue of February 23, the address of this organization was omitted. It is 1830 David Stott Bldg., Detroit 26, Michigan, U.S.

MUSICAL DIARY

The Haifa Orchestra, George Singer, conductor; Israela Margalith, pianist. (Orah Hall, February 19). Mozart: The Marriage of Figaro Overture; Grieg: Concerto for Piano and Orchestra in A-minor, op. 16; Boscovitch: Little Suite; Beethoven: Symphony No. 4 in B-flat-major, op. 60.

GEORG Singer conducted the Haifa Orchestra when it was founded and its strong points and shortcomings are quite familiar to him. He avoids mistakes and brings forth only the good sides. Knowing that the orchestra is strong on rhythm under his baton, he chose Boscovitch's "Little Suite," which is sweet in its opening lyrical movement and rhythmically accentuated in the following ones, for this programme. It got a really fine performance. The Mozart number was also read with all its swing and flight, although various parts of the Beethoven lacked instrumental fullness and balance of sound. An improvement in the hall's acoustics would also help the orchestra.

The teen-age winner of a Norman Fund prize, Israela Margalith, appeared in the Grieg Concerto. She has a warm and ringing touch and a clear and fluent technique, but as yet neither the maturity nor the physical power for an ambitious work like this. We would certainly like to hear her in a Mozart concerto, where the orchestra would not have drowned her out and where she could have displayed the poetry and delicacy she manifested in the Grieg cadenza. Anyway, it was a successful and promising start. The orchestra supported the young pianist well.

Chamber Music

Haifa Chamber Music Society. Telemann: Trio Sonata for Flute, Viola da Gamba and Continuo; Marcello: Sonata in Fa major for Cello and Continuo; J.S. Bach: Sonata in D-major for Viola da Gamba and Harpsichord; Hasse: Sonata in D-minor for Flute and Continuo; Couperin: "Pieces en Concert" in G-major for Viola da Gamba and Continuo; Rameau: "Pieces de Clavecin en Concert" for Harpsichord, Flute and Viola da Gamba. (Beeri Club, February 23.)

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Stressing the overall importance of letting the people sing and make music for themselves, Mr. White offered some constructive criticism of our musical life, giving praise where praise was due but also dwelling on the lack of discipline and tone culture in our choirs, their poor choice of material, the lack of discrimination by the radio in choosing ensembles for its programmes, the stage presence of the I.P.O. members and the indifference of concert audiences. Among Mr. White's suggestions was a society on the lines of the British Federation of Music Festivals, whose competitions England has to thank for the brilliance of her choirs.

Arieh Sachs was then congratulated on his 50th birthday by Harry Zinder, and David Rosolio dwelt on Henrietta Michelson's teaching on the occasion of her 75th birthday. Noam Sherif reported on plans for the *Jeunesse Musicale* organization which is going to start activities in Jerusalem shortly. Official support is apparently inadequate as yet, but it seems reasonable to expect the Kol Yisrael Orchestra to give this budding organization all possible help.

The programme concluded with an eyewitness report of last Thursday night's presentation of proposed "Tenth Anniversary" songs, at which the audience, asked to judge and decide on the best song, rejected them all. This is apparently the first time an Israel audience has given a clear indication of its opinion, showing the composers that they seem to have lost contact with their public. The *Jeunesse Musicale* could help educate our youth to react to good or bad music and to fight stagnation in certain branches of our music life.

Y. BOEHM

Beeri Club

"Orah Newspaper" of the Beeri Club Music Circle (Jerusalem; February 23.)

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ONCE again the ensemble picked the most beautiful flowers in the field of "Golden Age" music and the listener only had to sit back and relax to enjoy the pro-

The Reluctant King Baudouin

By BERNARD KAPLAN

BRUSSELS (NANA). — BAUDOUIN of the Belgians, the reluctant king, is giving his countrymen new cause for disgruntlement.

The young bachelor monarch, who has been the centre of several royal controversies since the abdication of his father, King Leopold III, seven years ago, is balking at playing more than a minor role in the forthcoming "Universal Exposition" here.

Baudouin has so far rejected his advisers' pleas that he take on the chief social and "diplomatic" chores of the exhibition. They want him to make a series of speeches, greet the important foreign visitors, and generally act as an enthusiastic royal host for his country's big event.

Even pressure by the Belgian cabinet has not moved the 28-year-old king. Nor, it is reported, has the gentle persuasion of his father, hitherto regarded as the one person he would invariably listen to.

Baudouin, who still feels deeply that his father was shabbily treated by his subjects, clearly continues to find little joy in kingship. Though no playboy, he refuses to allow royal duties to interfere with his private life.

Many Belgians, who were willing to make allowances for him considering the unhappy circumstances under which he came to the throne, are beginning to despair that this shy, retiring, but apparently stubborn young man will ever "act like a king."

The Brussels Fair

Baudouin's critics have forgiven him much in the past — his tendency to go on holidays at moments of national crisis, his failure to marry, and his aloofness from his subjects; but the Brussels fair is something else again.

"He is a mixed-up young man," said a Flemish aristocrat, until recently attached to the court. "He would certainly prefer not to be king. Yet he has the stuff of an excellent constitutional monarch if he would only try. He is serious-minded. He is upright. And he is quite charming when he is at his ease."

For a large number of Belgians, the World Fair, which opens in April, will be looked upon as a vital test for Baudouin. He is being warned of this by a wide circle of friends as well as by government leaders. If they fail to convince him in time, his future career as king may be made incomparably more difficult.

UNORTHODOX 'DIVINER' AT WORK IN NEGEV

Coaxing Water Out of Rocks

By a Special Correspondent

IF, in a few weeks, water gushes forth in one of the most arid parts of the Negev, everybody will be astonished except the man who is now looking for it. This week, an "unorthodox" water finder, who has brought up water in the deserts and semi-arid zones of the western United States and Latin America, and who has made disbelieving scientists admit his successes, is starting to drill for water at a point in the Negev where geologists say there cannot be any. He is pretty certain that if drilling is as exact as it should be, he can bring up a never-ending flow of sweet water from a comparatively shallow depth.

Mr. Stephen Riess, a 58-year-old burly, drawling metallurgist and mining engineer, has developed the theory that outside rainwater there is other water in the interior of the earth: virgin, or primary water generated within the earth itself.

"Gas emanating from the zone of hot, fluid magmas crystallizes into rocks and minerals," he explains, "and thereby gives off water."

Bavaria-Born

He cites volcanic eruptions which bring forth immense quantities of water vapour under great pressure. Such water cannot possibly have originated from the surface of the earth.

Mr. Riess was born in Bavaria and studied geology in Germany. A non-Jew, he left Germany when Hitler's star was rising because, he says, he "saw the writing on the wall." He travelled extensively throughout the world, finally settled in California, where he first worked in a gold mine. The frequent flooding of the mine at depth set Mr. Riess thinking. "That water couldn't possibly have filtered down from the surface of the earth."

He took his thesis a step further when, one day, he studied a puddle of mud deep down in a mine and found that the mud had been forced up into an arch, and every so often little jets of gas bubbled through the mud. Here he had the answer: the fact that rock contains microscopic drops of water had long been known. What he was witnessing in that mud was, he believed, the release of that water from the rock and ore in the mine. He analyzed the puddle.

Primary Gases

"I knew what chemicals were present and in what order they were introduced, and I discovered that an element plentiful on the planet is responsible for the catalysis which combines the primary gases from the rocks to form water under certain conditions."

In the laboratory he recreated the water-producing process of the mine and this, he said, helped him determine in what rock formations and under what conditions water forms in nature.

"I started drilling in hard rock and found those conditions, and where I found proper conditions, I found water." Mr. Riess studied the world's great springs and lakes high up in the mountains, calculated total rain and snowfall in the drainage areas and the run-off, and frequently he concluded that there was between five and ten times as much water as could be accounted for by precipitation. Hence, all that water undoubtedly was primary water formed by gases of the earth.

In the past few years, Mr. Riess has found over 70 rock mountain wells, the last one only a few weeks ago, before setting out for Israel. His wells are inexhaustible, do not depend on the seasons, and produce clear, bacteria-free water. His own home in the semi-arid Simi Valley near Los Angeles is surrounded by three wells which were not there when he first went out to live there.

Mr. Riess does not have to drill very deep, but a lot of preparation and rock analysis is necessary, and drilling has to be exact to a hair's breadth. His three or four dry wells, he says, are due to faulty mechanical work. He has trained four technicians in his drilling methods. One of them is here with him.

Took His Word for It

His greatest glory came when, more than two years ago, a well-known real estate man from Texas paid him $1,000,000 for a tiny piece of land on the water finder's word that there was a primary spring below it which would sustain 15,000 people. He produced the water.

Mr. Riess says he has "drilled many productive water wells" where available records of private or public agencies indicated there was no water. He has struck water in various parts of California, Arizona, New Mexico, Nevada, Mexico, Chile and Brazil, often, he says in a report published a year ago, where 12 or more dry holes had indicated to others that no water production would ever be possible. Oil prospectors have also started consulting Mr. Riess.

A series of events led to his picking Israel as the first country outside the American continent to take his water-finding methods. Mr. Nathan Mendelsohn, a young New Yorker who made good in the exciting real estate business out West, once commissioned Mr. Riess to search for water on a piece of desert land he wanted to develop. When he found the water Mr. Mendelsohn had an idea to send Mr. Riess to Israel. Dr. Avraham Biran, Israel's Consul-General in Los Angeles, helped pave the way. Last September, Mr. Mendelsohn brought the novel water-finder over to Israel, at his own expense.

Sceptical geologists, hydrologists and water engineers recently listened to Mr. Riess' explanations at a conference in the King David Hotel; not details of his methods, those he does not give away. Instead of ridiculing him, to which, he said, he had become accustomed in the United States, they cooperated. Mr. Riess toured the country with Israel scientists, investigated the stratigraphy of the formations, marked several spots took rock samples. He only looked at those areas where no water has ever been found.

Investment in this kind of water development is a problem. Mr. Mendelsohn has helped out by guaranteeing to raise the necessary $20,000 for the first drill. If that drill is positive, it is hoped the money could be raised for further drillings. He feels that those using the water which Mr. Riess would bring forth would pay for it. Thus, all that was needed was a revolving fund.

This week Mr. Riess and his engineer and some Israel drillers are starting to search for water in the hard rocks of the Negev.

Yesterday's Press

Israel and the Mergers

Davar (Histadrut) writes that anyone taking the trouble to juxtapose Mrs. Meir's statement in Paris with Nasser's belligerent utterances in Damascus will readily note the difference in intentions between the different forces in the Middle East and discover just who is out to make trouble. The trend of events in the most recent past the Syrian "anschluss" and the ill-concealed threats to the Sudan, should make the democratic world sit up and take notice of this new edition of the Hitler period.

Herut does not see why the Foreign Minister had to wait to get to Paris before she could sum up Israel's stand on the Arab mergers; but once she did come to mention it, why did she stop where she did? It is a well-known fact that both France and Israel are in the same position and should get together for mutual protection. Will the Foreign Minister miss this unique chance of suggesting an alliance? It is true that it was Herut who first proposed the idea: will partisan jealousy stand in the way of the State's security?

Al Hamishmar (Mapam) writes that while the Egypt-Syria union plots against Israel, the West takes the equally hostile Iraqi-Jordan federation under its wing. The London Government has returned to its declared anti-Israel policy. The Arab mergers were born against the background of the cold war between the blocs and take their nourishment from it. The latest events have brought new dangers to our doorstep and we must be prepared for them.

Mr. Selwyn Lloyd, writes **Hamodia** (World Aguda), did his Government a bad service when he claimed in the Commons that it had no defined Middle East policy and had to revert to the Eden line. After all, something has taken place since that ill-starred Guildhall Speech, something that in no wise contributed to the enhancement of Britain's position in Arab eyes. What advantage then is there for her to cleave to ideas that have long been defunct?

Omer (Histadrut), observing that the whole Arab world is in turmoil, writes that the future is in the hands of Washington and London.

Haboker (General Zionist) writes that the coming showdown on the radio journal in the Knesset will prove whether Mapai's opponents have the courage to prevent that party from publishing it and exploiting it to its advantage.

Ma'ariv asks how it is that Mapai, which has always been chary of rousing its coalition partners, has simply resorted this time to its "mechanical majority" in the Government to push the matter through. The second question the paper asks is how it happens that each and every one of these partners, a doughty fighter in its own right who has shown more than once that no one can put anything over on it without a stiff battle, has given in this time. The answer, according to Ma'ariv, is that after some discussion they all found that the journal will do more harm to the opposition outside the Government than to them.

Lamerhav (Ahdut Ha'avoda) avers that no one can afford to ignore the selfish decision to issue a radio journal at a time when the general elections are drawing near and Mapai strives to perpetuate its position by every means at hand.

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